

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2786
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2008
JOINT POWER VENTURE OF NTPC AND CIL
Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Coal India Limited (CIL) propose to set up two power plants in West Bengal in joint collaboration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent therefrom in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which the work on these projects is likely to commence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

- (a) & (b): An MOU has been signed between CIL and NTPC on 15.03.2007 to promote one or more Joint Venture Companies with the aim of jointly undertaking development of coal blocks (including already identified coal blocks viz. Chickro-Patsimal and Brahmani) and Integrated Coal based Power Plants.
- (c) Only MOU has been signed and so far no expenditure has been incurred on this project.
- (d) The time for commencement of the project can be ascertained only after the finalization of the Joint Venture.